

## Frieda Hempel Finds Favor in "La Traviata"

By Sylvester Rawling.

FRIEDA HEMPEL, as Violetta in "La Traviata," at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, gave an exhibition of coloratura singing such as we have not heard for a long time. She was suffering still from hoarseness, but her art covered it up, and she sang the runs and trills, for which the part calls, and that delight the old-time opera goers, with ease, grace and finish. Besides, her acting left an impression of naturalness and she refrained from overdoing the death scene. Her projection of youthfulness and the lovely frocks she wore—Miss Hempel has learned much in the art of dressing since first she came to us from Berlin—were valuable assets to her impersonation.

Giuseppe Damasco, the new Italian tenor taking the place of Mr. Botta, still indisposed, sang the ungrateful part of Alfredo more or less acceptably, but without a suggestion of the impassioned lover. Giuseppe De Luca, as the elder Germont, sang and acted well. It is a pity he destroyed the semblance of reality by coming back in the middle of the second act, to bow and smile in acknowledgment of the applause. He can point to precedents. Mr. Caruso, for instance, at the first performance of "Marta" the other day, came back to a scene to the destruction of illusion; but he did it with reluctance and he showed his annoyance at the violation of art and sense by curtaining like a debutante, and leaping off the stage like a Mordkin.

Minnie Egan was a beautiful Flora to the eye, but she lacked distinction in voice and manner. This, perhaps, was due to nervousness and

unfamiliarity with the part. In the cast were Mario Mattfeld, Angelo Bada, Vincenzo Roschellian, Riccardo Togni and Giulio Rossi. The ballet was excellent and Rosina Galli as the premiere was exquisite. She is an artist. Mr. Bayvonn conducted admirably. Evidently he knows "La Traviata" well, for he did not bury his nose in the score, as he usually does.

Mr. Paderewski's recital, announced for Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon, was postponed because the master pianist has neuritis. The list of artists more or less seriously indisposed, which includes Marcela Sembrich, Lucresia Bori, Mr. Botta and Mr. Sembrach, grows steadily.

## CRUELTY CHARGES WIN FOR DOCTOR'S WIFE

Court Rejects Shoninger's Attainment Claim and Fixes Alimony at \$50 a Month.

Supreme Court Justice Goff granted Mrs. Edythe Shoninger yesterday a separation from her husband, Dr. Lee S. Shoninger. In her complaint she alleged forty-two instances of cruel and unusual treatment, none of which involved physical violence. Justice Goff found against Shoninger on his counter claim that his wife had abandoned him and doted him to pay \$50 a month alimony.

"The Justice found no fault with the doctor because he failed to find enjoyment in society as did his wife, and said that in refusing to attend such functions Dr. Shoninger had only exercised a right of selection. When on the witness stand Tuesday the physician testified his wife was charming and compliant. He admitted he had opposed the idea of her having children, but said it was only because his financial condition did not warrant their bringing up of a family.

## News Oddities

ATROCITY NOTE: Somebody put a forged check for \$1,000 in Billy Sunday's thanks offering at Syracuse.



AUTOPSY ON OREGON MAN necessary before estate could be settled, because he had included in will a \$10 gold piece he swallowed, and they had to get it.

BAYONNE BABY born yesterday may eat Christmas turkey, as it has teeth.



OSTRICH AT \$1 A PORTION to be New Year's Eve delicacy, as twenty of the birds have arrived for big hotels.



NEBRASKA CENTENARIAN never had a doctor, has all save two of his teeth and wears glasses only when reading.



THE "WATCH WRIST," new London ailment, due to wearing wrist watches. If woman throws out arm, elbow crooked, and brings the back of hand uppermost with a twist and jerk, she has it.

## The Effects of Opiates.

THAT INFANTS are peculiarly susceptible to opium and its various preparations, all of which are narcotic, is well known. Even in the smallest doses, if continued, these opiates cause changes in the functions and growth of the cells which are likely to become permanent, causing imbecility, mental perversion, a craving for alcohol or narcotics in later life. Nervous diseases, such as intractable nervous dyspepsia and lack of staying powers are a result of dosing with opiates or narcotics to keep children quiet in their infancy. The rule among physicians is that children should never receive opiates in the smallest doses for more than a day at a time, and only then if unavoidable.

The administration of Anodynes, Drops, Cordials, Soothing Syrups and other narcotics to children by any but a physician cannot be too strongly decried, and the druggist should not be a party to it. Children who are ill need the attention of a physician, and it is nothing less than a crime to dose them willfully with narcotics.

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